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TAGS: MARR, BEXP, BE, NATO

SUBJECT: PRODUCT OPPORTUNITY: OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION OF
CALL FOR BIDS FOR SCARS II PROJECT

REF: (A) STATE 3009; (B) BRUSSELS 1079

1. SHAPE COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS DIVISION REQUESTS THAT IT BE PROVIDED WITH LIST OF QUALIFIED AND CERTIFIED FIRMS INTERESTED IN RECEIVING INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING (ICB) INVITATION TO BID (IFB77-21). THIS PROJECT PROVIDES FOR SUPPLY OF SECOND GENERATION "STATUS CONTROL ALERTING AND REPORTING SYSTEM" (SCARS II). SPECIFICATIONS WILL BE NATO CONFIDENTIAL BUT SUCCESSFUL BIDDER AND HIS FACILITY WILL REQUIRE AT LEAST NATO SECRET CLEARANCE WHILE LIMITED NUMBER OF PERSONNEL OF SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WILL NEED CTS ATOMAL CLEARANCE WITH CRYPTO ACCESS.

2. LIST OF QUALIFIED AND CERTIFIED BIDDERS SHOULD BE RECEIVED BY SHAPE NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 26, 1978. SHAPE INTENDS TO ISSUE INVITATION TO BID TOGETHER WITH TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS, CONTRACTUAL TERMS, GENERAL AND SPECIAL CONDITIONS IN FEBRUARY OR MARCH 1978. CLOSING DATE WOULD BE 12 WEEKS AFTER MAILING DATE OF BID DOCUMENTS.

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3. SCARS II WILL BE A DEDICATED COMMAND AND CONTROL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM TO SUPPORT CERTAIN SPECIAL OPERATIONS. IT WILL PROVIDE BASICALLY TWO TYPES OF EQUIPMENT INSTALLATIONS IN APPROXIMATELY 50 DIFFERENT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS. TYPE A INSTALLATION WILL COMPRISE DUAL PROCESSORS, VISUAL DISPLAY UNITS, TELEPRINTERS AND

MEDIUM SPEED COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND WILL BE
INSTALLED IN NINE MAJOR HEADQUARTERS. IT WILL PERFORM THE

FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS: MESSAGE RECEPTION AND TRANS-
MISSION; RELAY OF MESSAGES; MAINTENANCE OF LOCAL DATA
BASE; DISPLAY OF SELECTED ITEMS OF INFORMATION. TYPE B
EQUIPMENT WILL BE SIMPLER THAN TYPE A, COMPRISING A VDU,
TELEPRINTER, MESSAGE PROCESSOR AND COMMUNICATIONS EQUIP-
MENT. COMMON USER SWITCHED NETWORK OF NICS WILL BE
UTILIZED FOR ESTABLISHING COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE
SCARS II TERMINALS. SCARS II WILL INCLUDE AN ERROR DE-
TECTION AND CORRECTION FACILITY. NECESSARY ENCRYPTION
EQUIPMENT WILL BE PROVIDED BY SHAPE.

4. ESTIMATED COST FOR PROJECT WILL BE OVER FOUR MILLION
IAU'S WHICH INCLUDE INSTALLATION, DOCUMENTATION TEST
EQUIPMENT AND CIVIL WORKS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: COMMERCE IS ASKED TO PROVIDE
EMBASSY WITH LIST OF QUALIFIED AND CERTIFIED BIDDERS
INTERESTED IN MAKING SUBMISSION ON THIS PROJECT. DOCU-
MENTS MAILED TO BILL HAYDEN, ROOM 4126, ITA, USDOC.
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